

REMARKS

Specification

The Applicant has amended the specification to update the status of co-pending applications referred to in the specification.

Claim Rejections 35 USC §103

Applicant respectfully submits that U.S. Patent No. 6,518,212 issued to Wagh et al., is improperly cited against the present application as Wagh is not prior art. The present application clearly claims priority to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/338,425 filed on January 8, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,787,495, which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/602,067, filed Jun. 22, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,533,821, both of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety. There is a clear unity of disclosure that runs through all three applications and which provides full support for the claims of the present application. Therefore, the claims of the present invention should be given the priority date of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/602,067 filed on **June 22, 2000**, now U.S. Patent No. 6,533,821. The Wagh patent was filed on **Sep. 18, 2000** and thus cannot be considered prior art.

Applicant contends that several claims of the present application are patentable even in light of Wagh. Applicant feels that a detailed discussion on the merits of Applicants claims over that of Wagh is unnecessary as Wagh should not be considered prior art.

Double Patenting

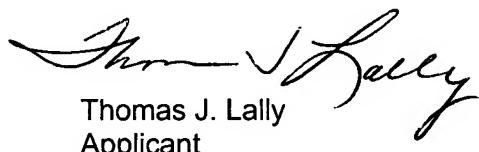
As Examiner kindly points out, Applicant has already submitted terminal disclaimers for the two double patenting rejections made by Examiner. At the request of Examiner, Applicant is enclosing a copy of the terminal disclaimer that overcomes U.S. Patent 6,533,821. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner treat this copy of the terminal disclaimer as an original and

review it accordingly. It should also be noted that Applicant has paid all fees associated with the above-mentioned terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 1-20.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment(s)

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